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Major General Arthur G. Trudeau  
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Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Trudeau:

In your letter of 24 December 1953 you suggest that problems relating to clandestine intelligence required a clarification of NSCID #5 rather than an "Agreed Activities" paper.

NSCID #5 is a fundamental statement of policy. Prior to its issuance the underlying philosophies and problems were debated at length at all levels in the interested offices of the Executive Branch of the Government and by appropriate congressional groups. Each formal study of the problem of clandestine intelligence operations, after debate of the various views presented, came without exception to an acceptance of the principles reflected in NSCID #5.

A revision was issued on 28 August 1951 to meet new conditions arising from the Korean War and the establishment of NATO, but the paper as revised is still a statement of basic responsibilities rather than an attempt to spell out the conditions that will govern all conceivable relationships and circumstances. There is, however, ample flexibility in the concept stated in NSCID #5 to meet all such circumstances, and changing needs can best be met by corollary

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agreements, based on NSCID #5, which can be readily achieved without calling into play the full machinery of the National Security Council.

In light of the above, I believe we should pursue the problem of a coordinated program on the basis of the "agreed activities" provisions in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of NSCID #5. As all the Military Services are affected, it would be logical to approach the problem at the Department of Defense level.

As the Deputy Secretary of Defense has recently expressed to me a desire to discuss the relationships between CIA and the Department of Defense regarding intelligence activities, it would seem appropriate to include "agreed activities" as an item for discussion.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles

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